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SUBJECT: NEW JAPANESE STANDARD OF APPROVAL FOR EXPORT
--- OF WHALING AND OTHER FISHING VESSELS

FOR: FISHERIES ATTACHE

1. REQUEST REGFISHATT CONGRATULATE JFA OFFICIALS ON NEW
RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS OF WHALING AND OTHER FISHING
VESSELS AS REPORTED IN SUISAN KEIZAI SHIMBAN ON OCTOBER 6.

2. REQUEST REGFISHATT CONFIRM THAT NEW STANDARD PROHIBITS
EXPORT OF WHALING MOTHERSHIP OR WHALE CATCHERS TO ANY
FOREIGN COUNTRY NOT A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING
COMMISSION (IWC).

3. FOR MOSCOW: REQUEST EMBASSY OFFICER INQUIRE OF
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, DR. I.V. NIKONOROV, SOVIET
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COMMISSIONER TO IWC, WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH SOVIET WHALING

VESSEL, IURII DOLGORUKII, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL NO LONGER CONDUCT WHALING OPERATIONS IN ANTARCTIC. PLEASE INFORM COMMISSIONER NIKONOROV OF ACTION BY GOJ IN PARA. 2 ABOVE.

4. NMFS AND NOAA ESTIMATE THAT THE USSR HAS ABOUT 20-25 WHALE CATCHING VESSELS WHICH WERE DECLARED SURPLUS BECAUSE OF THE RETIREMENT OF SEVERAL SOVIET WHALING MOTHERSHIPS. NMFS AND NOAA ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS MAY BE FURNISHED CATCHER BOATS WITH WHALE KILLING EQUIPMENT ON BOARD, GIVING SUCH NATIONS THE CAPABILITY TO INITIATE WHALING OPERATIONS WITHOUT REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION REGULATIONS. SISCO

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